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The corner post is to a fence what the keystone is to an arch—pretty near the whole thing. The other day I saw a corner post that suited and that promised to last for about all time. It was of concrete, very large, and slanting from a narrow top to five or six feet wide at its base on each side. It was apparently deeply set. A corner post of this sort is quite expensive, but it would seem to be economical in view of its future saving of time and material.

As yet I am a little shy in confidence in concrete posts for ordinary field fences. They make a handsome appearance when first set, but some lines of fence I have seen failed to stay that way. In some lines of fence examined quite a large portion of the posts seemed to have cracked just above the ground. The reinforcement held them upright, but their wobbly condition did not encourage a belief in security. A neighbor who tried a few as an experiment complained that they seemed to rot or scale off just above the ground. The successful concrete fence post is sure to come, but as yet it would seem that the problem has not been solved generally. The greater relative importance of the uses of concrete in other construction work has occupied the minds of those who are engaged in its development.

The horse buyer says the prices of horses will now be getting stronger. They have been rather lower during the fall and winter. I believe the tendency in the horse business is favorable to remunerative prices for really good ones, but it is my belief that ordinary and inferior ones must suffer a collapse in values in the not distant future.

There is some satisfaction in having a tip top good cow. I have just read of a cow competitive test in which in one year one cow gave 13,803 pounds of milk, while another in the same herd gave 14,382 pounds. But the first yielded 584.19 pounds of butter fat while the latter fell to 519.27 pounds.

It has always been a source of wonder to me that some farmers are able to raise any pigs. I have visited many farms on which really valuable brood sows were kept, with which great pains were taken right up to farrowing time, and then, in the most critical stage of the young pigs' life, the pigs were left to almost certain death because of lack of proper sleeping places. A pig will do well with a small quantity of bedding if it be dry and in comfortable shelter. A pig that is compelled to sleep in wet or damp bedding can never be expected to reach the stock yards.

My neighbors are of many minds with reference to the dog question. The value of a dog on the farm depends on the dog. I have a little fox terrier that never rests or lets anyone else rest when there are rats to be caught. That is his serious business in life and he does it so well that the rats he does not catch are pretty sure to die of nervous prostration. The dog's work prevents a loss of feed enough every year to buy a horse.

Some farmer who wants to have his name written in the hall of fame has only to develop some plant from which paper can be made. The demands for that grade used by newspapers is rapidly exhausting the supply of timber from which it is made. So serious is the outlook that the United States Department of Agriculture has established at Wasau, Wis., an experimental wood pulp mill with the object of developing methods by which varieties of wood not heretofore used may be utilized for paper-making purposes.

It is my belief that no man who raises hogs can afford not to raise more or less rape. It affords as much pasture to the acre as any plant that grows, starts up as quickly as it is eaten off, and keeps growing until frost. It is not only cheap, but valuable in helping to get the most out of any grain ration fed at the same time.

I don't like to lug a slop pail, so I give my growing pigs dry ground feed. They have plenty of water handy, and can mix it to suit themselves. It saves a lot of work, and apparently they do as well. It has seemed to me that, fed in this way, pigs are less liable to stomach troubles.

The farm boy of today is a lucky chap. In the years of "bald lang syne" yours truly used, at this season of the year, to grab a big hoe on a frosty morning and cut stalks for what seemed to be endless days at a time. The boy of today would not believe how much that hoe weighed. Now the silo has spoiled a lot of good

stalk cutting.

Our city friends are earnestly discussing the "back to farm" movement. I wonder how many of them realize that the farm is a many-sided affair and that few men are able to surround them all? A friend of mine told me of the wonderful success he is now having with a dairy farm. He says he is now making a nice profit every year, while in previous years, as a crop raiser and beef cattle producer, he seldom made as much as his hired man did.

A young man in my neighborhood has been raising corn, and corn alone, for several years, and getting ahead at it, too. But last year he found that his yield was considerably less than that of another neighbor who kept a goodly number of cattle. Now he is buying a few good cows, and will try the plan of selling less corn and keeping the fertility of the farm up.

It is wonderful what a little care will do. A farmer gave two motherless little pigs, with which he did not care to fuss, to a little girl. After feeding the young porkers for two weeks on exclusive bread and milk diet, the girl tided them safely over the critical period. She kept a careful account of all the food used until they were sold, for forty dollars, and found that even if she would have had to settle with her father for the grunts' board bill, she would have been a neat little sum to the good. They were the fattest hogs that left the farm that year.

A neighbor of mine has a good-sized bank account. Instead of loaning this money he is going to use some of it this summer in tilling a thirty-acre field that will be greatly benefited by it. A home investment of this sort is the best place to put some of the surplus money, if a farmer is blessed with a surplus.

The one-crop farmer, no matter if that crop be wheat or corn, if it is grown exclusively for the shipping or elevator market, has been rightly called a three-months millionaire and a nine-months pauper. The farmer who feeds the grain he raises usually has something coming in every month in the year.

One would think the machinery demand would become partly satisfied after a while, but I verily believe the demand for new machinery is greater every year. At any rate, dealers seem to be getting in a larger stock this spring than ever, whether they sell it or not, but they very likely will.

I know a man who says help cost him just as much twenty-five years ago as it does today; not as much, of course, in dollars and cents, but it took just as many bushels of corn or wheat or just as many pounds of pork and beef to buy a month's time of a hired man as it does now. When hired men could be had for \$13 a month corn was worth twelve to fifteen cents a bushel and live stock in proportion.

I never had much success patching up a stand of clover on foul land. After several attempts I adopted the plan of leaving the stand as it was or plowing it all up. Here of late the foxtail has given me trouble in thin clover, and has caused me to permanently abandon the idea of building up a half stand of clover by patching in. While none of us have as weedy fields as we used to have, I am beginning to believe weeds are better than foxtail. It chokes out small clover that is lacking in root growth quicker than most weeds.

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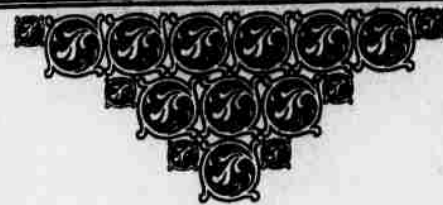
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